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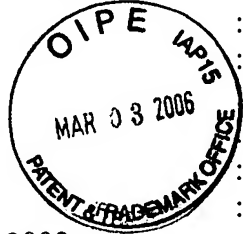
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a two (2)-month extension of time to and including February 28, 2006 for responding to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

☒ A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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